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1. CHRISTIANE MALITCHENKO IS A CHARMING, ELEGANT, AND ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, IN ADDITION TO BEING EXTREMELY COMPETENT. HER COLLEAGUES AMONG THE QUAI'S EAST EUROPE SPECIALISTS APPEAR TO VALUE HER EXPERTISE HIGHLY -WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS FROM THEM. SHE DEVELOPED A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AT ALL LEVELS AND SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT ALL OF THEM, MALE AND FEMALE, IMPRESSED. WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HER WERE ALWAYS HARMONIOUS AND MUTUALLY USEFUL. SHE HAD ENOUGH SELF-ASSURANCE TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND POSITIONS FRANKLY, AND WAS NOT AFRAID TO SPECULATE OR INTERPRET EVENTS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME -WITHOUT EVER GOING BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF DIPLOMATIC DISCRETION. AS A CAREER DIPLOMAT, SHE MANAGED TO COMBINE ELEGANT FEMININITY WITH ABILITY IN A UNIQUELY FRENCH WAY. THE COMBINATION WAS DELIGHTFUL.

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2. CHRISTIANE MALITCHENKO HAD BEEN DESCRIBED IN A RECENT

BIOGRAPHY AS SPEAKING NO ENGLISH. THIS WAS TRUE MANY YEARS AGO WHEN SHE SERVED IN EAST EUROPE BUT SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL NOW. INGERSOLL

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